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Cell System Transient ResponseI hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile
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Sir:

1. This paper is responsive to the Office Action of December 1, 2005. Claim 6 remains for consideration. Claim 6 was previously allowed; the procedure of MPEP 706.04 has not been followed.

2,3. Claim 6 is rejected as not enabled in the specification. Claim 6 requires providing a voltage to said electric energy storage device...and controlling the voltage provided to said electric energy storage device...." In the specification, page 8, line 28 through page 9, line 3, states "such as by causing the controller to reduce the voltage on the side of the converter next to the super capacitor bank...." That can only mean that it is the voltage provided to the super capacitor bank. Further, reference should be had to page 8, lines 9-17 where it states that the super capacitor bank might need to be raised to a higher voltage before it can be charged due to the voltage level that the system is operating at. This has the advantage, as stated, that the super capacitor can be allowed to go to a deeper discharge because it will be able to be charged by being raised to a higher voltage.